

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1 1. (Currently amended) A method for facilitating secure communication between two networked devices, A computer controlled method comprising:
 - 3 establishing communication between a situation notification device and a provisioning device over a preferred channel, wherein said preferred channel has a demonstrative identification property and an authenticity property;
 - 6 providing provisioning information to said situation notification device over said preferred channel, wherein said situation notification device is automatically configured to receive subject matter information responsive to said provisioning information;
 - 10 receiving said subject matter information;
 - 11 verifying said subject matter information with said provisioning information; and
 - 13 presenting said subject matter information to a user of the situation notification device responsive to the step of verifying, wherein the step of verifying ensures that the subject matter information is genuine.
- 1 2. (Currently amended) The computer controlled methodThe method of claim 1, wherein the step of providing further comprises:
 - 3 exchanging key commitment information over said preferred channel between said provisioning device and said situation notification device;
 - 5 receiving a public key by said situation notification device;

6 verifying said public key with said key commitment information; and
7 receiving a credential authorized by a credential issuing authority.

1 3. (Currently amended) ~~The computer controlled method~~The method of
2 claim 1, wherein said preferred channel is a location-limited channel.

1 4. (Currently amended) ~~The computer controlled method~~The method of
2 claim 1, wherein said preferred channel uses a telephone switching system.

1 5. (Canceled)

1 6. (Currently amended) ~~The computer controlled method~~The method of
2 claim 1, wherein subject matter information is received using an antenna, a
3 telephone line, a local area network, a wide area network, a wireless network, or a
4 broadcast network.

1 7. (Currently amended) ~~The computer controlled method~~The method of
2 claim 1, wherein said situation notification device is a computer, a television, a
3 radio, a telephone, a push to talk device, a pager, a clock, a thermostat, a network
4 appliance, or a home appliance.

1 8. (Currently amended) ~~The computer controlled method~~The method of
2 claim 1, further comprising forwarding said subject matter information.

1 9. (Currently amended) ~~The computer controlled method~~The method of
2 claim 1, wherein said subject matter information is alarm information.

1 10. (Currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing

2 instructions that when executed by a computer cause the computer to present
3 subject matter information, the method comprising steps of:
4 establishing communication between a situation notification device and a
5 provisioning device over a preferred channel, wherein said preferred channel has a
6 demonstrative identification property and an authenticity property;
7 providing provisioning information to said situation notification device
8 over said preferred channel, wherein said situation notification device is
9 automatically configured to receive said subject matter information responsive to
10 said provisioning information;
11 receiving said subject matter information;
12 verifying said subject matter information with said provisioning
13 information; and
14 presenting said subject matter information to a user of the situation
15 notification device responsive to the step of verifying, wherein the step of
16 verifying ensures that the subject matter information is genuine.

1 11. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 10,
2 wherein the step of providing
3 further comprises:
4 exchanging key commitment information over said preferred channel
5 between said provisioning device and said situation notification device;
6 receiving a public key by said situation notification device;
7 verifying said public key with said key commitment information; and
8 receiving a credential authorized by a credential issuing authority.

1 12. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 10,
2 wherein said preferred channel is a location-limited channel.

1 13. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 10,
2 wherein said preferred channel uses a telephone switching system.

1 14. (Canceled)

1 15. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 10,
2 wherein subject matter information is received using an antenna, a telephone line,
3 a local area network, a wide area network, a wireless network, or a broadcast
4 network.

1 16. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 10,
2 wherein said situation notification device is a computer, a television, a radio, a
3 telephone, a push to talk device, a pager, a clock, a thermostat, a network
4 appliance, or a home appliance.

1 17. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 10, further
2 comprising forwarding said subject matter information.

1 18. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 10,
2 wherein said subject matter information is alarm information.

1 19. (Currently amended) An apparatus comprising:
2 at least one port configured to establish a preferred channel, wherein said
3 preferred channel has a demonstrative identification property and an authenticity
4 property;
5 a first communication mechanism configured to receive provisioning
6 information over said preferred channel, whereby the apparatus is configured to be

7 able to receive subject matter information responsive to said provisioning
8 information;

9 a second communication mechanism configured to receive said subject
10 matter information subsequent to operation of the first communication
11 mechanism;

12 a verification mechanism configured to verify said subject matter
13 information with said provisioning information; and

14 a presentation mechanism configured to present said subject matter
15 information to a user of the situation notification device responsive to the
16 verification mechanism, wherein the step of verifying ensures that the subject
17 matter information is genuine.

1 20. (Original) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein the first communication
2 mechanism further comprises:

3 a key commitment receiver mechanism configured to receive key
4 commitment information through said at least
5 one port;

6 a key receiver mechanism configured to receive a public key;

7 a pre-authentication mechanism configured to verify said public key with
8 said key commitment information; and

9 a credential provisioning mechanism configured to be able to
10 automatically provide a credential authorized by a credential issuing authority
11 responsive to the pre-authentication mechanism.

1 21. (Original) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein said preferred channel is
2 a location-limited channel.

1 22. (Original) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein said preferred channel

2 uses a telephone switching system.

1 23. (Canceled)

1 24. (Original) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein subject matter
2 information is received using an antenna, a telephone line, a local area network, a
3 wide area network, a wireless network, or a broadcast network.

1 25. (Original) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein the apparatus is within a
2 computer, a television, a radio, a telephone, a push to talk device, a pager, a clock,
3 a thermostat, a network appliance, or a home appliance.

1 26. (Original) The apparatus of claim 19, further comprising a forwarding
2 mechanism configured to forward said subject matter information.

1 27. (Original) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein said subject matter
2 information is alarm information.